## **RESIDENT SUPERVISION POLICY**

Every resident is assigned to a designated service. On-call schedules and rotation schedules for each residency program are developed to provide residents with a variety of patient care educational experiences consistent with the program requirements of the particular ACGME RRC. Backup must be available at all times through more senior residents and appropriately credentialed attending physicians.

The 2005 GMEC approved Resident Supervision Policy is published on the Blackboard and is electronically distributed to all residents and faculty. This document is a detailed written policy describing resident supervision at each level of training.

The requirements for on-site supervision are monitored through periodic departmental reviews, with institutional oversight through the GMEC internal review process. Residents are encouraged to express their concerns about call schedules and work hours to the Office of Education. All efforts will be made to maintain the anonymity of residents voicing such concerns.

The type of supervision (physical presence of attending physicians, home call backup, etc.) required by residents at the various levels of surgical training will be consistent with the requirement for progressively increasing resident responsibility during a residency program and the applicable program requirements of the General Surgery RRC, as well as common standards of patient care. The ultimate responsibility for all patient care rendered by residents will rest with their designated attending physicians, who supervise all resident clinical activities.